

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

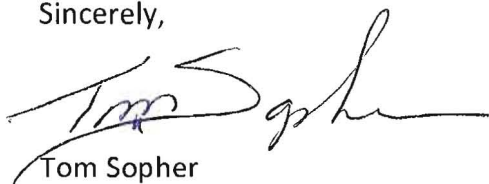
Dear Ms. Dortch,

During a recent presentation by the Beckley Director of Information Technology, I learned that communication with the computers in our city's police patrol cars is regularly interrupted due to the inadequate wireless network provided within our city limits. This lack of reliable service is not only an inconvenience but it is also a public safety concern for our citizens.

Lightsquared has proposed a hybrid terrestrial/satellite network that would address the lack of coverage within our city and across the nation. And, because its network integrates satellite and ground-based wireless coverage, LightSquared will provide uninterrupted service even during power outages and other emergencies – a major benefit to first responders and public safety agencies.

While I understand that GPS manufacturers have expressed concerns about potential interference, I urge the Commission to continue working for a solution to these problems. The goal of expanded broadband spectrum is too important to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Sopher", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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